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Naming of elementary schools

* 2644 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any Government Order prohibiting the naming of elementary schools as Muslim Girls' Schools, Muslim Boys' Schools, etc. ; and

(*b*) If so, whether the copy of the Government Order will be laid on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Artificial rain

* 2645 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted for conducting experiments for the production of artificial rain in the State; and

(*b*) whether any committee has been constituted to study the results of the experiments?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) A sum of Rs. 6,775 has been sanctioned by the Government for conducting experiments in rain-making.

(*b*) A committee consisting of the following has been constituted to review the experiments conducted :—

(i) Chief Engineer (Irrigation)—Chairman.

(ii) Chief Engineer (Electricity)—Member.

(iii) Director of Agriculture—Member.

(iv) Director of Regional Meteorological Centre, Madras—Member.

(v) Agricultural Meteorologist, Coimbatore—Member.

(vi) Sri A. R. Venkatachari, Retired Special Chief Engineer—Member.

vii) Sri V. K. Sethuraman—Secretary.

All-India Coir Board Chairman's report

* 2646 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chairman, All-India Coir Board, has made and report to the State Government through the Collector of Malabar that assessment of lands used for soaking coconut husk was excessive and has also recommended that coir products should be exempted from sales-tax; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken on his recommendation?